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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Himalayan glaciers, forests, water and land are being monitored under the National Mission on Himalayan Studies;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reports submitted in this regard indicating the threats likely to emerge in future; and
(c) the action plan formulated by the Government on the basis of the said report to deal with the threats caused by climate change?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) to (c) Government of India has launched the National Mission on Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE), anchored by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), with the primary objective of developing national capacity to continuously assess the health status of the Himalayan ecosystem and address impacts of climate change. This involves inter-alia, scientific assessment of the vulnerability of the Himalayan ecosystem, research for framing evidence based policy measures to protect the ecosystem, and time bound action programmes at State level in the Indian Himalayan Region. All the Himalayan States have also formulated their State Action Plans on Climate Change (SAPCCs) to address State specific climate change concerns.

Further, recognizing the importance of sustainable development in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR), the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS), was launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in 2015 to address the key issues relating to conservation and sustainable management of natural resources in the Himalayan region. In this regard, a total 42 Projects have been approved during 2015-17 in the Indian Himalayan region under NMHS.

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